

Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for classification of a data object in a database, comprising:

obtaining at least one source parameter associated with the data object, and
associating a classification parameter with the data object based on a value of
the at least one source parameter satisfying at least one criterion corresponding to
the classification parameter,

wherein the database includes further data objects having at least one further
source parameter associated therewith and wherein the method includes:

identifying similar further data objects having equal values of at least one
further classification parameter;

identifying similarity of values of the further source parameter of the further
similar data objects having equal further classification parameters; and

associating the further classification parameter with the data object when at
least one of the at least one source parameter of the data object is similar to the
further source parameter of the further similar data objects.

2. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, including

storing the classification parameter with the data object when the data object
is entered into the database.

3. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the criterion
includes whether the value of the at least one source parameter is within a
predetermined range.

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein the at least one source parameter represents a geographical location of the creation of the data object, and the criterion includes determining whether the creation of the data object has taken place in a predetermined region based on the geographical location.

5. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the criterion includes determining whether the value of the source parameter equals a predetermined value.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim-~~6~~1, wherein the value of the further classification parameter and the similarity of values as a criterion for associating a new data object with the further classification parameter with the value are stored in a further database.

8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 7, wherein the method includes searching the further database to check whether one or more of the at least one source parameter of the data object matches at least one criterion stored in the further database.

9. (Currently amended) A method according to claim-~~6~~1, wherein the value of the further source parameter is an alphanumeric string and the similarity of values is identified as the further source parameters having equal values.

10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim-~~6~~1, wherein the value of the further source parameter is a numerical value and the similarity of values is identified as the further source parameters having values in a predetermined range.

11. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein the source parameter represents at least one of the following:

- a geographical location of the creation of the data object,
- a date of creation of the data object,
- a time of creation of the data object,
- a name of the creator of the data object, and
- a data format of the data object.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the classification parameter corresponds to an event.

13. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data object includes a still picture image.

14. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the data object includes a stream of audiovisual information.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the classification parameter is associated with the data object by a user.

16. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, including storing the criterion in a further database.

17. (Currently amended) An apparatus for classification of a data object in a database, the data object having at least one source parameter associated therewith, the apparatus comprising:

a storage device that is configured to store the database,

a receiver that is configured to receive data objects, and

a central processing unit, wherein the central processing unit is configured to associate a classification parameter with the data object when the source parameter satisfies at least one criterion related to the classification parameter,

wherein the database includes further data objects having at least one further source parameter associated therewith and wherein the central processing unit is configured to:

identify similar further data objects having equal values of the at least one further classification parameter;

identify similarity of values of the further source parameter of the further similar data objects having equal further classification parameters; and

associate the further classification parameter with the data object when at least one of the at least one source parameter of the data object is similar to the further source parameter of the further similar data objects.

18. (Previously presented) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions that are readable and executable by a computer, wherein the instructions enable a computer to execute the method according to claim 1.

19. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

obtaining an image object and one or more source parameters associated with the image object, the image object including one of: an encoded image and an encoded sequence of images,

determining a classification parameter associated with the image object based on at least one of the one or more source parameters, and

storing the image object and the associated classification parameter in a database that includes other objects with associated classification parameters,

wherein the database includes further data objects having at least one further source parameter associated therewith and wherein the method includes:

identifying similar further data objects having equal values of at least one further classification parameter;

identifying similarity of values of the further source parameter of the further similar data objects having equal further classification parameters; and

associating the further classification parameter with the data object when at least one of the at least one source parameter of the data object is similar to the further source parameter of the further similar data objects.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, including retrieving the image object from the database based on the classification parameter.